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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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William Keith,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
	) Case: 1:15-cv-01608 Jury Demand
v.	) Assigned To : Unassigned
	) Assign. Date : 10/1/2015
City of San Bernardino, CA et al.,	) Description: Pro Se Gen. Civil (F Deck)
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Defendants.	)

## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Jarrell v. Tisch, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); see Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009); Ciralsky v. CIA, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of res judicata applies. Brown v. Califano, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).



Plaintiff is a California state prisoner incarcerated in San Luis Obispo, California. The wide-ranging statements comprising the complaint provide no notice of a claim. A separate order of dismissal accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

United States District Judge

Date: September 30, 2015

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